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*Provided*, that in the second primary election no votes shall be cast except for the two persons receiving, respectively, the highest and the next highest number of votes cast in the first primary for the same office. In the event that each person voted for in the second primary receives the same number of votes, the county executive committee shall decide by lot which of them shall be the candidate of the party for that office. The second primary election shall be held on the same registration as the first, and no one shall be allowed to vote in the second primary election who could not have voted in the first.

SEC. 18. Whoever intentionally or willfully slanders the character of a candidate for office shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 19. Any person entitled to vote at such primary shall, on the day of such primary, be entitled to absent himself from any service or employment in which he is then engaged or employed for a period of one hour, or longer if necessary, between the time of opening and closing the polls, and such primary elector shall not, because of so absenting himself, be liable to any penalty, nor shall any deduction be made on account of such absence from his usual salary or wages: *Provided, however*, that applications for such leave of absence shall be made prior to the day of primary. The employer may specify the hours during which said employee may absent himself.

SEC. 20. Within ten days after said primary election is held, every candidate on the official list of candidates voted for in the same shall file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County an itemized sworn statement of the money or other things of value spent or used by him, directly or indirectly, in said primary election, setting forth the name of the persons to whom money or other things of value was given or promised, and the purpose for which it was given; and should any candidate fail or refuse to file any such sworn statement within the time prescribed, he shall be disqualified for the nomination to which he aspires.

SEC. 21. That any town or city in Cumberland County may adopt the provisions of this act for the purpose of conducting and regulating primary elections for town officers, by a provision in its charter or by a majority vote of the governing authorities of such town or city.

SEC. 22. That five hundred copies of this act shall be printed by the Commissioners of Cumberland County for free distribution in said county within six months from the ratification of the same.

SEC. 23. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 24. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 9th day of March, A. D. 1909.